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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: UNITA REPRESENTATIVE IN MADRID

REF: LISBON 1966

1. UNITA REPRESENTATIVE FOR SPAIN LUIS MIGUEL CAME TO THE
EMBASSY APRIL 24, AND IN CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY
OFFICER BRIEFLY REVIEWED HIS ORGANIZATION'S BACKGROUND
AND ITS HOPES FOR EVENTUAL VICTORY IN ANGOLA. UNITA
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WOULD NEED HELP, HE SAID, INCLUDING MATERIAL ASSISTANCE,
AND HOPED TO OBTAIN IT FROM THE FREE WORLD, OF WHICH THE
US (HE NOTED IN ANOTHER CONTEXT) IS THE LEADER. HE DID NOT,
HOWEVER, REQUEST ANYTHING SPECIFIC FROM US AT THIS TIME.

2. ASKED ABOUT HIS EFFORTS IN SPAIN, MIGUEL SAID ONLY
HE HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA, IT

BEING EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT OREJA WAS FULLY ENGAGED IN THE SPANISH EFFORT, INCLUDING TRIPS TO AFRICA, TO HEAD OFF ANY FURTHER OAU ACTION IN FAVOR OF THE CANARY ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE GROUP MPAIAC. (THE MFA'S ACTING CHIEF FOR SUBSAHARAN AFRICA, ALZINA, TOLD US HE HAD HEARD NOTHING OF MIGUEL'S PRESENCE OR ACTIVITIES. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SPAIN'S HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA REPRESENTED AN OBVIOUS CONSTRAINT IN ITS TREATMENT OF MIGUEL.) MIGUEL EXPRESSED OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE, ASSERTING THAT MANY WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT HAD RECOGNIZED THE MPLA GOVERNMENT, HAD NOW REALIZED THEIR ERROR.

3. COMMENT: AS LONG AS THE MPLA GOVERNMENT REPRESENTS ANGOLA IN THE OAU, AND IF IT GIVES THE GOS ANY HOPE IT WILL PLAY ALONG ON THE CANARIES ISSUE, THE GOS WILL NOT WANT TO APPEAR OVER-HOSPITABLE TO UNITA. ALTHOUGH MIGUEL DID NOT ASK FOR HELP ON THIS OCCASION, EITHER IN TERMS OF MAKING LOCAL CONTACTS OR OF ASSISTING UNITA IN OTHER WAYS, HE DID INDICATE HE HOPED TO SEE US AGAIN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO HIM IN THE FUTURE. STABLER

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